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H.B. NO. 2332-84

A Bill for an Act Relating to Place to Keep Firearms.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 134-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§134-6 Place to keep firearms; loaded firearms, when prohibited.** Except as provided in sections 134-5 and 134-9, the possession of all firearms and ammunition shall be confined to the possessor’s place of business, residence, or sojourn, but it shall be lawful to carry unloaded firearms or ammunition, or both, in [a wrapper or other suitable container] an enclosed container from the place of purchase to the purchaser’s [home,] residence, place of business, or place of sojourn, or between these places upon change of place of business, [abode, or] sojourn, or residence, or between these places and a place of repair or a target range. “Enclosed container” means a rigidly constructed receptacle or a commercially manufactured gun case or the equivalent thereof, that completely encloses the firearm.

It shall be unlawful for any person to carry on his person, or to have in his possession, or to carry in a vehicle on any public highway any firearm loaded with ammunition; provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any person who has in his possession or carries a pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor in accordance with a license or permit issued, as provided in [section] sections 134-9 and 134-5.

[Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.] Any person violating the provisions of this section by carrying or possessing a loaded firearm, or by carrying or possessing a pistol or revolver, loaded or unloaded, without a permit issued as provided in section 134-9, shall be guilty of a class C felony.

Any person violating this section by carrying or possessing an unloaded firearm, other than a pistol or revolver, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 26, 1984.)